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Angela Isom Indoor Environments and Grants Section U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Section 105 Annual Grant Summary Report ID #14-15

Dear Ms. Isom,

This letter is submitted in fulfillment of the Section 105 Annual Grant Summary reporting requirement, ID# 14-15, to provide a yearly review of our grant activities as established in the FY 2014 Air Planning Agreement Workplan. The requirement states the report shall include: 1) a statement that all grant commitments and outputs/outcomes established in the Workplan have been met or all have been met except X, Y, Z; 2) reasons why X, Y, Z commitments/outcomes were not achieved; and 3) other pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of unliquidated obligations, cost overruns or high unit costs. After a complete review of our activities, accomplishments, and outputs under our Section 105 grant, we are pleased, once again, to report that all of our grant commitments and/or established outcomes in the FY 2014 Workplan were successfully met or exceeded. In addition, the review found our program costs to EPA were in accordance with our Workplan commitments and activities under the Section 105 grant program and no overruns or high cost issues were noted.

To accomplish this, EPC staff worked with the State, METRO 4/ SESARM, and other local agencies to develop and implement standards, plans, and strategies to preserve and improve the air quality of today and the future in Hillsborough County. The goal of our activities throughout the year were consistent with our Section 105 Air Planning Agreement Workplan and resources, which aim to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Hillsborough County. These activities included the operation of an extensive ambient air monitoring program, air pollution source permitting, compliance, enforcement and special projects. The success and competency of our ambient air monitoring program is accomplished though our experience and management of environmental measurement data collected and generated under the Section 105 grant. EPC adheres to and is encompassed within the State's Quality Management Plan (QMP). In addition, we participate in EPA and State Performance and Quarterly Audits and Evaluation Programs, Laboratory Proficiency Testing, and Ambient Air Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) and

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Standard Operating Procedures. Finally, for all pertinent activities and actions, our staff coordinated with the State for data entry submittal and reporting to EPA.

Our air permitting process is continually evaluated and streamlined where efficiencies are identified to assist facilities while maintaining environmental protection to our air quality. Compliance assistance was also performed in conjunction with our regular compliance activities. Special focus is placed on communicating with our facilities. When staff performed compliance inspections or responded to citizen complaints, compliance engineers provided facilities with technical assistance to help them understand and meet their obligations under the environmental rules and regulations. Where appropriate, cost-effective ways to comply and go beyond compliance through the use of pollution prevention techniques may also have been discussed.

We were also pleased to once again make strides in our energy and conservation activities as part of our accomplishments in working towards improved air quality. Work continued in our Office of Sustainability as we furthered our goals of developing collaborative initiatives for conservation and energy projects, using alternative fuels and incorporating energy efficient habits and technology into EPC and County government fleets. In addition, this year the Office played a vital role in helping to educate area leaders on the subject of climate change and the long range connection of greenhouse gas emissions and its potential effects on our local weather and climate patterns. Our office was also very proud to be an integral part of achieving an official Department of Energy designation status as a Tampa Bay Clean Cities Program. The Office of Sustainability, along with the County Workgroup on Energy Management and Sustainability, continued to coordinate together and seek out public/private partnerships between various departments and organizations as new ideas, technologies and projects emerged. Together with our partners we strived to achieve energy efficiencies while reducing spending and environmental impacts.

Thank you for all your support and assistance during this past fiscal year. We are proud of the progress we have made under the Section 105 program and look forward to working toward new goals, objectives and plans that will continue to reduce our risk from air pollutants and improve air quality. As always, we look forward to working with you in the upcoming year to further protect the air, our health and the environment we live in. Please feel free to contact me, or Michelle Jenkins of my staff, at (813) 627-2600 should you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

Jerry Campbell, P.E.

Director

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